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**My Overview**

I thoroughly enjoyed making this E-Portfolio. I am not the type to think outside the box and this assignment made me do that. I have never written like this and I found it very interesting and at times I did not want to stop writing. I found the Ruining a Poem the most challenging. I picked to explain water and I had never thought about how complicated this would be. I asked my family and everyone would say the same thing that I though, it taste like nothing. I also found it challenging to use Appalachian English, I had to change some of my words around, but I definitely enjoyed this activity. I found the Argument and Form the most rewarding. I really liked writing about someone getting the last piece of chocolate and I also liked writing it in text message form. When I finished that one, I felt that I accomplished a lot and it was very interesting. I found the Language Awareness the most surprising. I had never thought about language in this way and was surprised at how easy it was for me to answer this question. All of these activities are very interesting. I really liked thinking about writing and literacy in a different way then I normally do. I really enjoyed thinking about things in a different way and this assignment in general!

Because the Form of Words Matter

A)

This is a nifty item that lets you be happy in the dark, you push a button and a light bulb comes on and lets your eyes see. They come in many colors and are made for anyone and everyone. They use batteries to operate and you can take them anywhere you please, they are called Flashlights.

B)

The Nifty Flashlight

O flashlight, thou let me see!

I push a button and you surprise me.

I am sad in the darkness,

But when your button is pushed I become happy.

I love all your colors

And how there is one for everyone.

I use batteries to operate you

And I can take you anywhere.

C)

In the prose version it is just like talking and it all pretty much means the same, but with the poetry version the placing of words emphasizes certain meanings of the poem. In the poetry version certain words seems to be emphasized and meanings come across different then in the prose version. I think that this is because in poetry you pay attention to the end of each line and this emphasizes those words. In the prose version, you read it all and it all seems to mean about the same. I think that the poetry version says more then the prose version. I think this is because the poetry version is more interesting and short and sweet. Therefor, we can read it easier and kids can maybe understand it better. I think that the poetry version is more effective and interesting. You get the same thing from both, but the poetry version is more interesting and keeps your attention longer.

Language Awareness

If language is a web, are you a spider or a fly?

If language is a web I believe that I am a fly. Language is a complex concept that everyone has to have. It takes a very long time to understand it and to be able to use it. It can easily get messed up and is always causing problems for us. I believe that I am a fly because flies get caught in webs and I feel like I get caught in the web of language. Some times your flying along and you caught and ate by the spider in the web. This happens to all of us, we are having a conversation with someone or writing about something and you realize you don’t know how to say that, spell it, pronounce it, and so on. This is why I feel like I am a fly.

Ruining a Poem

A)

I reckon I could tell ya bout water,

It ain’t notin special I firs drank it as a girl in the holler.

It taste like notin, but it makes your mouth cold

and if you been workin it makes you feel better.

Water ain’t somethin’ I can tell ya bout,

Ya need to taste it.

Its pure an clean an cold,

Go out yonder and try it.

B)

I would love to tell you about water,

It is kind of hard to explain, I first drunk it as a little girl.

It almost taste like nothing, but it cools off you mouth

And if you have had a long day it makes you feel better.

It really is not something I can explain very well,

You really should experience it for yourself.

It is pure, clean, and cold,

You should try it.

C)

I believe that the Standard English poem is the most effective piece. I find it easier to follow and understand. It reads smoother and gives you a better feel for what water is and what it taste like. I believe that the Appalachian English poem is more interesting though. I think that this is because it is different then our everyday language. It makes you think more then the Standard English poem. It draws your attention more and I also liked writing it more that way.

Argument and Form: The Last Piece of Chocolate

A)

My friend should be the person that gets the very last piece of chocolate on the earth. She is an amazing person that goes to school full-time, works full-time, has two kids, a husband, and me as her best friend. As you can see she works 24-7 and she deserves this piece of chocolate. She constantly has to think of other people and if she got to eat this piece of chocolate she would enjoy every last bite. Then, she would get to explain to me how amazing it was to have the very last piece of chocolate on earth.

B)

My BFF shud b d prsn dat gets d v Lst piece of chocl@ on d erth. She iz an amazn prsn dat goes 2 skul full-time, worx full-time, hz 2 kids, a husband, & me az her BFF. az U cn c she worx 24-7 & she deserves DIS piece of chocl@. She hz 2 tink of othR ppl & F she got 2 Et DIS piece of chocl@ she wud Njoy evry lst bite. Then, she wud git 2 explain 2 me how amazn it wz 2 hav d v lst piece of chocl@ on erth. ☺

C)

The argument is very different in the prose and the text message version. They are expressed differently because the prose seems more sincere and the text seems more fun and simpler. I think you get the same message, but it comes across in a different way. The lingo in the text definitely emphasizes different things, like best friend, you can easily see who I am talking about and it is an important factor in the argument. In the prose version you can easily see whom I am talking about, but the text version emphasizes your BFF. I do believe that the text version says less then the prose version. I think that the prose version is the more effective piece because everyone can easily read it and understand it. I do find the text version more interesting and I also think children would to. I think that you become more engaged while reading the text version and therefor think about it more.